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Letter dated 5 April 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to attach herewith the commentary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the intention of the Russian Federation to introduce military conscription in the temporarily occupied territory of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (see annex).

I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 31, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 5 April 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Commentary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the intention of the Russian Federation to introduce military conscription in the temporarily occupied territory of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine expressed its strong protest to the Russian Federation against its intention to introduce military conscription in the temporarily occupied territory of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol.

General Assembly resolution 71/205, of 19 December 2016, entitled "Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (Ukraine)", established the fact of the illegal occupation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol by the Russian Federation and called on the Russian Federation to ensure the fulfilment of its obligations under international humanitarian law, international mechanisms for the protection of human rights and other legal instruments to which it is a party.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine demanded the cancellation of the conscription of citizens who live in the temporarily occupied territory of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, as well as the strict observance of international obligations by the Russian side.